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Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance Information Session

Medicaid and CHIP Services Department

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Overview

At the end of this presentation, you will be able to answer the following questions:

- What are the Department of Family and Protective Services Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance programs?
- What is managed care?
- Which managed care programs will serve Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients?
- What is required of providers?
- How do clients pick a health plan and primary care provider?
- When will Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients move to managed care?

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Background

- The 2015 Texas Legislature directed HHSC to move remaining Medicaid fee-for-service clients to Medicaid managed care.
- Currently, Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients receive Medicaid services through Medicaid fee-for-service.
- Most Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients will move to Medicaid managed care **Sept. 1, 2017**.

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Adoption Assistance/ Permanency Care Assistance

- DFPS operates Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance :
  - The Adoption Assistance program helps certain children who are adopted from foster care.
  - The Permanency Care Assistance program gives financial support to family members who provide a permanent home to children who were in foster care but could not be reunited with their parents.

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Adoption Assistance/ Permanency Care Assistance

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance may provide:
  - Medicaid coverage for the child
  - Monthly cash assistance from DFPS
  - A one-time reimbursement from DFPS for some legal expenses that come with adopting or becoming the managing conservator of a child

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What is Managed Care?

- Managed care is healthcare provided through a network of doctors, hospitals and other providers responsible for managing and delivering quality, cost-effective care.
- The state pays a health plan a set rate for each member enrolled, rather than paying for each procedures, test or visit.

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What are the Goals of Managed Care?

- Emphasize preventive care
- Establish a medical home through a primary care provider, such as a doctor, nurse or clinic
- Improve access to care
- Make sure people get the right amount of services.
- Improve client and provider satisfaction
- Promote care in least restrictive, most appropriate setting
- Improve health outcomes, quality of care and cost-effectiveness

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Managed Care Programs in Texas

- STAR
- STAR Kids
- STAR Health
- STAR+PLUS
- Texas Dual Eligible Integrated Care Project
  - Called the Dual Demonstration
- CHIP
- CHIP and Children's Medicaid Dental

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How Many People Get Medicaid?

Estimates for November 2016 show:

- 4,135,869 people enrolled in Texas Medicaid.
  - 3,785,701 of them are in managed care.
    - STAR – 3,022,202
    - STAR+PLUS – 531,859
    - STAR Health – 31,977
    - STAR Kids – 163,358
    - Dual Demonstration – 36,305
  - 350,168 clients enrolled in Medicaid fee-for-service.

Source: HHSC System Forecasting. Data are preliminary.

What is a Health Plan?

- Health plans provide a medical home through a main doctor, nurse or clinic and referrals for specialty services as needed.
  - **Exception:** Clients who get Medicare and Medicaid (dual eligible) get basic care services through Medicare.
- Health plans may offer extra services, also called "value-added services."
  - Extra vision services.
  - Health and wellness services.

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What is STAR?

- STAR is a managed care program for most people on Medicaid.
- STAR serves:
  - Children
  - Low-income families
  - Former foster care children
  - Pregnant women
- As of Sept. 1, 2017, most children and youth in Adoption Assistance or Permanency Care Assistance will get services through STAR.

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What are STAR Benefits?

- Medicaid benefits
  - Unlimited prescriptions
  - Unlimited necessary days in a hospital
- A primary care provider (main doctor, nurse or clinic) to serve as medical home

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What are STAR Benefits? (cont.)

- Service management.
  - Includes development of a service plan and coordination of services for members with special healthcare needs.
- Value-added services.
  - Extra services offered by the health plan such as health and wellness services, extra vision services, etc.

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What is STAR Service Management?

- A service performed by the health plan to do all of the following:
  - Develop a service plan, which includes a summary of current needs, a list of services required and a description of who will provide those services.
  - Coordinate services among a member's primary care provider, specialty providers and non-medical providers.

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What is STAR Service Management? (cont.)

- A service performed by the health plan to do all of the following:
  - Make sure the client gets the medically necessary covered services and other services and supports.
  - All Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance managed care members can get service management.

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What is STAR Kids?

- STAR Kids is a managed care program for children and young adults 20 and younger who meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or SSI-related Medicaid.
  - Are enrolled in Medicare.
  - Get services through a 1915(c) waiver program:
    - Community Living Assistance and Support Services (CLASS)
    - Deaf Blind with Multiple Disabilities (DBMD)
    - Home and Community-based Services (HCS)
    - Texas Home Living (TxHmL)

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What is STAR Kids? (cont.)

- STAR Kids is a managed care program for children and young adults 20 and younger who meet at least one of the following criteria:
  - Get services through a 1915(c) waiver program:
    - Medically Dependent Children Program (MDCP)
    - Youth Empowerment Services (YES)
- As of Sept. 1, 2017, children and youth in Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance who meet the above criteria will get services through STAR Kids.

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What are STAR Kids Benefits?

- Children's Medicaid benefits.
  - Unlimited prescriptions
  - Unlimited necessary days in a hospital
- Primary care provider (main doctor, nurse or clinic) to serve as medical home.
- State Plan long-term services and supports, such as private duty nursing and personal care services.
- Long-term services and supports waiver services through the Medically Dependent Children's Program for children and young adults who qualify.

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What are STAR Kids Benefits? (cont.)

- Value-added services.
- Service coordination.
  - Initial and ongoing help finding, picking, getting, coordinating and using covered services to improve the child's well-being, independence, and integration in the community.

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What is STAR Kids Service Coordination?

- Specialized care service provided by health plan nurses and other professionals with necessary skills to coordinate care, including:
  - Identification of needs, such as, physical health, mental health, long-term services and supports.
  - Development of a person-centered service plan to address identified needs.
  - Making sure clients get the services they need when they need them.
  - Attention to addressing members' unique needs.
  - Coordinating with other services when necessary.

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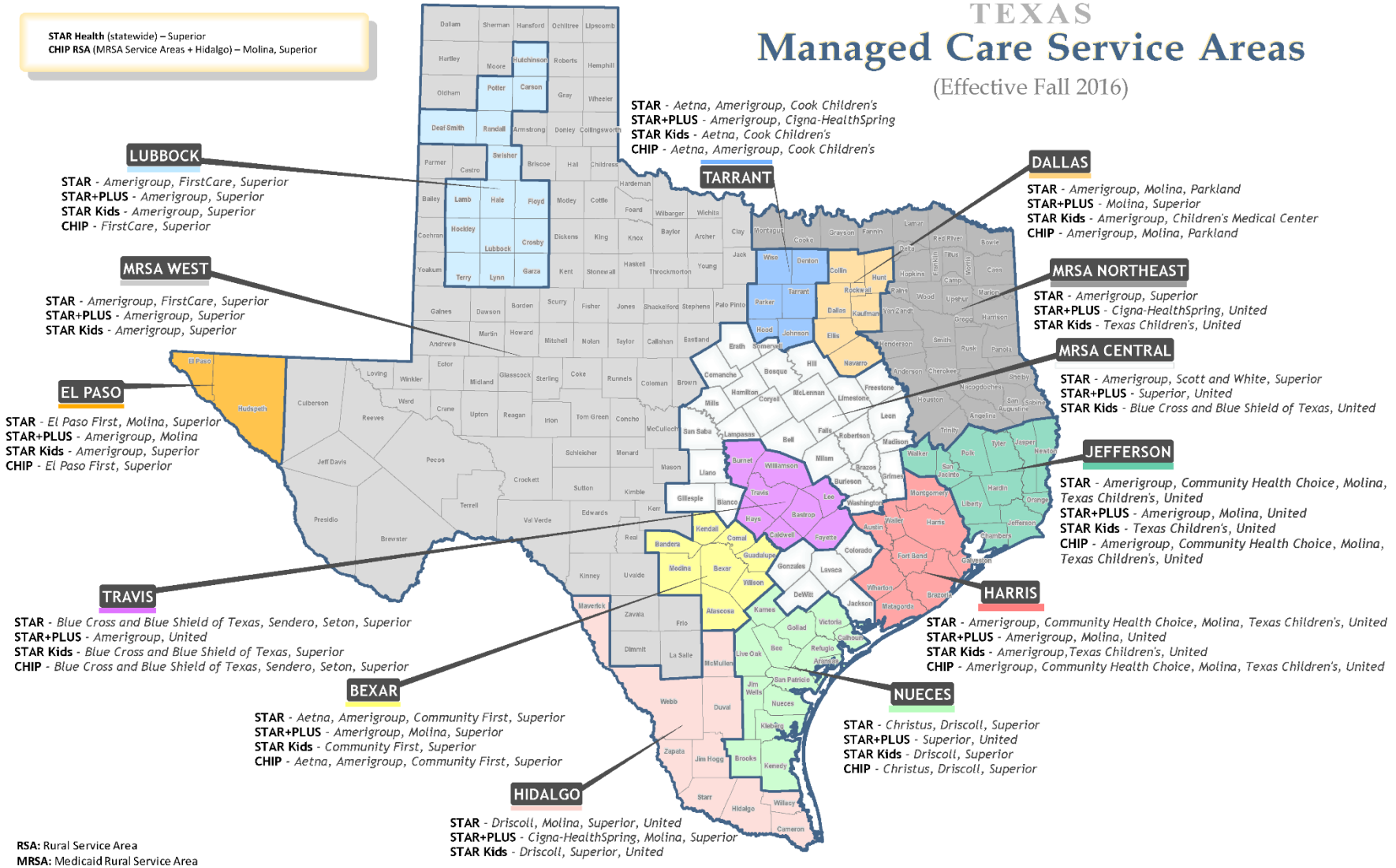
Managed Care Service Areas



RSA: Rural Service Area
MRSA: Medicaid Rural Service Area

Who Will Be in STAR?

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients who meet the following criteria will move to STAR on Sept. 1, 2017 if they:
  - Don’t get:
    - Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
    - Medicare.
    - 1915(c) waiver services.
  - Don’t have a disability as determined by the U.S. Social Security Administration or the State of Texas.

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Who Will Be in STAR? (cont.)

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients who meet the following criteria will move to STAR on Sept. 1, 2017 if they:
  - Don’t live in:
    - A nursing facility.
    - An intermediate care facility for individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities or related conditions (ICF/IID).

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Who Will Be in STAR Kids?

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients will move to STAR Kids on Sept. 1, 2017 if they:
  - Get Supplemental Security Income (SSI).
  - Have a disability as determined by the U.S. Social Security Administration or the State of Texas.

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Who Will Remain in FFS?

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients who will remain in traditional, fee-for-service Medicaid if they:
  - Live in Texas Juvenile Justice facilities.
  - Live in the Truman W. Smith Center.
  - Live outside of Texas.
- Medicaid Hospice Program recipients who don't meet the STAR Kids criteria will remain in fee-for-service Medicaid.
- Members of a federally recognized tribe may choose to remain in fee-for-service Medicaid.

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Are All My Services in STAR or STAR Kids?

- The state requires **all** health plans provide the same Medicaid services described in the State Plan, including:
  - Access to doctors, including specialists.
  - Access to labs and radiology services.
  - Access to Medicaid services from hospitals and clinics.
- In STAR or STAR Kids, you will also get home health and attendant services if you need them.

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Will Current Services Be Covered In Managed Care?

- The state requires STAR and STAR Kids health plans to provide "continuity of care."
  - Authorizations for basic care such as specialist visits and medical supplies are honored for 90 days, until the authorization expires or until the health plan issues a new one.
  - Authorizations for long-term services and supports are honored for six months or until a new assessment is completed.
  - During the transition period, members can keep seeing current providers, even if they are out of the health plan's network.

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Continuity of Care

- Approved and active prior authorizations for covered services will be forwarded to the STAR or STAR Kids health plans prior to Sept. 1, 2017.
- These prior authorizations are subject to the ongoing care requirements discussed before.
- Providers don’t need to resubmit authorization requests to the health plans if an authorization is already in place.

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Provider Contracting

- Providers must contract and be credentialed with a health plan to provide Medicaid managed care services.
- Rates are negotiated between the provider and the health plan.
- Authorization requirements and claims processing might be different between health plans.

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Significant Traditional Providers

- A significant traditional provider is a provider who has served Medicaid fee-for-service clients.
- Health plans must offer significant traditional providers the chance to be part of the contracted health plan network.
- Health plans will reach out to significant traditional providers.
  - The providers may initiate the contact.
- Significant traditional providers and health plans must agree on the conditions for contracting and credentialing.

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What if the Provider is Out-of-Area?

- Health plans must have an adequate network of providers and provide services members need inside their service area.
- Health plans may also pay providers outside their service area in certain situations:
  - Emergency services
  - To maintain ongoing care with an existing provider.

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What if the Provider Doesn't Contract with the Health Plan?

- If providers don't sign up with health plans in the service area, the providers won't be part of the health plans' provider networks.
- Sometimes, the health plans might be willing to sign a single-case agreement or enter into a limited contractual relationship. This allows the provider to treat a single Medicaid patient.

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Provider Claims

- Providers, including long-term service and support providers, must file claims within 95 days of the date of service.
- Health plans must adjudicate most clean claims within 30 days.
  - 18 days for electronic pharmacy claims.
  - 10 days for nursing facility claims.

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Appeals and Fair Hearings

- Members and providers may appeal to the health plan
- They may also file a fair hearing request with the state if services are denied, reduced, or terminated.
- Services may continue during the review if the appeal or fair hearing is asked for on time and the member asks for continued services pending the appeal.

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Provider Complaints

- Providers **must** contact the health plans to file a complaint and exhaust the health plans resolution process before filing a complaint with HHSC.
- Appeals, grievances, or dispute resolution is the responsibility of the health plans.
- Providers may file complaints with HHSC if they feel they don't receive full due process from the health plan.
  - Providers can email **HPM_complaints@hhsc.state.tx.us**

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Complaints and Appeals

- Health plans must use appropriately trained providers for to review all medically-based member complaints and appeals, such as:
  - Member appeals regarding a benefit denial or limitation.
  - Common complaints:
    - Quality of care or services.
    - Accessibility or availability of services.
    - Claims processing.

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Complaint Contacts for Providers

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HPM Complaints

P.O. Box 85200, MC H-320

Austin, TX 78758

HPM_Complaints@hhsc.state.tx.us

Remember to follow HIPAA guidelines and always send patient information securely.

If a Member has Problems with Medicaid Services?

- Call the HHS Office of the Ombudsman:

  1-877-787-8999

- When the Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance services move to managed care on Sept. 1, 2017, members should:
  - Call the number on the health plan ID card
  - If the problem isn't resolved, call the Ombudsman managed care assistance team:

    1-866-566-8989

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Next Steps

- Get to know the health plans operating in counties where you deliver services
- Providers:
  - Begin the contracting and credentialing process with the health plans as quickly as possible.
  - Prepare to negotiate rates with the health plans.
  - Become familiar with your health plans' policies and procedures for prior authorizations and billing.

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Change my address or phone number

- The adoptive parent or permanency care assistance caregiver should contact the DFPS regional adoption assistance eligibility specialist assigned to his or her case.
- If the parent or caregiver doesn’t know who the assigned eligibility specialist is, they can contact the DFPS hotline, 1-800-233-3405, to find out.
- The parent or caregiver should contact the adoption assistance eligibility specialist to assist with the address change.

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How Members Choose a Health Plan

- Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients moving to STAR or STAR Kids will get a packet in the mail with facts about the health plans in their area.
- Everyone will be able to pick from at least two health plans.
- Each health plan has a list of providers for clients to pick from.
- If clients don’t pick, HHSC will assign a health plan and a primary care provider.
- Members can change their health plan at any time. Changes take 15-45 days to take effect.

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Managed Care Enrollment Activities

- May 2017 – Clients get introduction letters.
- June 2017 – clients get enrollment packets.
- July 2017 – clients who haven't picked a health plan get reminder letters.
- Aug. 14, 2017 – clients who do not pick a health plan are assigned to one:
  - Clients may change health plans at any time by contacting the enrollment broker.
- **Sept. 1, 2017** – Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients will begin getting their services through a STAR or STAR Kids Health Plan.

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What if I Still Have Questions?

- Learn more about the move of Adoption Assistance and Permanency Care Assistance clients to STAR and STAR Kids at:

  hhs.texas.gov/AAPCA

- Learn more about managed care at:

  hhs.texas.gov/services/health/medicaid-and-chip/provider-information/expansion-managed-care

- Send questions to:

  managed_care_initiatives@hhsc.state.tx.us

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